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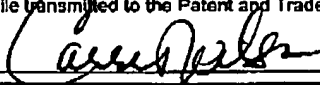
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FIBER CHANNEL DRIVE ACCESS IN A
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Examiner: Tuan V. Thai

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following special communication including a M.P.E.P. §713.04 record of the March 3, 2004 telephone interview that occurred between Examiner Tuan V. Thai and Jerry L. Mahurin concerning the above-identified U.S. Patent Application. The telephone interview was initiated by the Examiner in a voice mail left for one of Applicants' counsel, Jerry L. Mahurin (Reg. 34,661), the undersigned, on the evening of March 2, 2004. No exhibits or demonstrations were used or discussed.

Independent claims 1 and 12 were discussed during the interview. The issues discussed included confirming antecedent basis regarding "slot(s)" and "data transfer element(s)" limitations, and considering a potential double patenting rejection vis-à-vis allowed U.S. patent application serial number 10/034,691. The Examiner proposed that Applicants submit a Preliminary Amendment to further differentiate present claims 1 and 12 from the claims of U.S. patent application serial number 10/034,691 to overcome such a potential double patenting rejection. Mr. Mahurin pointed out limitations of at least claim 1

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of the present application that he felt were not disclosed or suggested by at least the independent claims of allowed U.S. patent application serial number 10/034,691. Mr. Mahurin indicated that he would need to confer with his client to determine whether preparation and submission of a Preliminary Amendment was agreeable.

Applicants respectfully decline to enter a Preliminary Amendment at this time. Mr. Mahurin also stated the foregoing during a voice mail left for the Examiner around 1:00 PM (eastern time) on March 3, 2004.

Because the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this paper. However, if a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 30014516-1, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

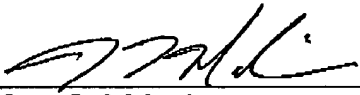
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